GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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Implementation of GAGAN
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make strict implementation of GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigation (GAGAN) compulsory;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has initiated any discussions with various airlines in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the airlines are not showing any interest in availing the GAGAN; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. As per the National Civil Aviation Policy, 2016, it is mandatory for all aircraft being registered in India from 01.01.2019 to have GAGAN enabled. ;
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(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has initiated discussion with various airlines for utilization of GAGAN by upgrading their avionics equipage. ;
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(e) & (f): No, Madam. Airlines are showing interest in availing GAGAN. However, airlines are preferring a forward fit solution for new aircraft procurement as retrofit solutions are not currently available for major commercial airlines. ;